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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: PRG Meeting on the Persian Gulf, 15 January 1988

1. I provided a brief intelligence update directly following the agenda outline. Mike Armacost then described the diplomatic efforts underway with particular emphasis on the UN. Most of the discussion centered around Carlucci's trip to the Middle East. Armacost indicated that they were well received in Kuwait and Bahrain; in Saudi Arabia there was a good deal more tension. The Saudi's were upset that the US protection of flagged ships had only encouraged Iranian attacks against their own ships.

2. Carlucci apparently plans to propose an expanded protection regime in the Gulf. This would involve commitments from the GCC and the Europeans to provide greater protection of all shipping as well as a continued US commitment. This new protection plan is being developed now and Carlucci will outline it at next week's NSPG meeting. I indicated that I thought such a plan needed an intelligence assessment covering what the Iranian reaction would be.

3. There was some discussion of how to handle our force reductions. Apparently news of plans to reduce the number of ships in the Gulf has led to a lot of questions and not just a little controversy as the Gulf States and our European allies react.



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SUBJECT: Policy Review Group Meeting on
Persian Gulf Policy,
Friday, January 15, 1988, 3:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Cordell Hull Conference Room (S)

The Policy Review Group Meeting on Persian Gulf Policy will be
held on Friday, January 15, 1988, at 3:00 - 4:00 p.m.
in the Cordell Hull Conference Room (208 OEOB). (S)

Paul Schott Stevens
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Executive Secretary

Attachment

Tab A Agenda

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90023POLICY REVIEW GROUP MEETING

Friday, January 15, 1988

3:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Cordell Hull Conference Room

PERSIAN GULFAgenda

- I. Introduction.....John Negroponte
(2 minutes)
- II. Intelligence Update.....CIA
 - o Preparations for Ground Offensive (8 minutes)
 - o Shipping War
 - o Intelligence Sharing with Iraq
- III. Diplomatic Strategy.....State
 - o Next Steps at UNSC (10 minutes)
 - o Egyptian and Syrian Diplomacy in Gulf
- IV. Security EffortsDOD/JCS
 - o Review of Carlucci Trip (25 minutes)
 - o Scope of Protective Regime
 - o U.S. Force Levels/Mix
 - o U.S.-Egyptian-GCC Military Cooperation
- V. Congress.....State/DOD
 - o CY 1988 Arms Sales to GCC States (10 minutes)
 - o Briefings on Carlucci Trip and Gulf Policy
- VI. Summary and Review of Agenda for
January 22 NSPG.....John Negroponte
(5 minutes)

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